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Council on Aging Minutes 11/16/2000

Members Present: Kathy McMahon, Richard Murray, Mildred Hurd, Harry McCabe
Phil Mercandetti,

Members Absent: Alex Moschella, Mary Dodge, Harry Barber

Others Present: John Jope (COA Executive Secretary), Maureen Jackson (COA Clerk/Secretary)

Quorum Identification/Call to Order: Kathy McMahon, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
A quorum of 5 was present

Minutes of October 18 Council Meeting: It was MSV to accept the minutes as corrected.

Public Forum:

Executive Secretary's report: John reported Elder Abuse Seminar held at Town Hall on November 9th went well. This year the Senior Citizen Community Service Program had more applicants than positions. Our approved minutes are on the Town "Home Page" now. John gave Kathy a letter to read that was addressed to Harry Barber and the board from Margaret Spengler. Margaret Spengler was a recent recipient of the "Volunteer of the Month" award on the Golden Opportunities Show and sent a letter expressing her gratitude.

STANDING REPORTS

Finance Committee: Richard reported committee hasn't met. John told the board that \$3,300 in salaries that are now coming out of Elder Affairs that should be coming out of Municipal Funds. The change will be made eventually by year's end. John reported he will try to get some donations for Transportation Subsidy Fund. Maybe Winchester Hospital. Lifeline Fund is getting used up. There are approximately 12 people receiving subsidies at a cost of about \$420 a year for each person. Richard noted ending ledger balance of Sevoyan Fund slightly higher than beginning balance.

Policy & Procedure Committee: The board went over final draft. Richard moved to approve document as amended at tonight's meeting. Phil seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Needs Assessment Committee: John reported that it would cost about \$300 to print 3500 copies of the Needs Assessment Survey. Harry M. made a motion to approve not more than \$360 from the Gift Fund to proceed with the printing. Richard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Assisted Living Task Force: John told board Sunrise Assisted Living's expected completion date is end of 2001. There will be a marketing trailer on site beginning in January. Harry M. stated there wouldn't be any low-income units as Sunrise had private funding.

STANDING REPORTS

Minuteman Home Care: Mildred reported that \$1,836,116. is the dollar amount of all services to Arlington if it had to be paid for out of pocket. \$10,701 is our fair share this year. Mildred passed out MSS Annual report. John J. will send a copy to each member of the Finance Committee, each member of the Board of Selectmen and one to the Town Manager. Will also make copies for COA Board. Mildred reported a vacancy at MSS for a member-at-large from Arlington. As of now there is just Mildred Hurd and Joan Cardarelli representing Arlington, since Janelle has resigned. Mildred will talk to Lois and ask if she can come to our meetings.

COA representative to ASA: (no report)

ASA representative to COA: (no report)

At 9:58 Richard moved to recess the COA meeting to sit as the SBC. Harry M seconded. Vote was unanimous.
At 9:59 the COA Board meeting resumed.

Sevoyan Bequest Committee: Requested signatures on Sevoyan Bequest Scholarship; obtained same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Transportation Program: John reported that since we have dropped C.E.S.I. contracts our revenue for 2001 shows \$3500 shortfall. Need to review program and plan for FY2002. Kathy, Phil and Mildred will meet with John to discuss the future of the Transportation Program and then present their findings to the Board.

Board vacancy: Some good names have come up. It was suggested that John introduce our Chairperson, Kathleen McMahon to the new Town Manager and also let him know that we are actively working on finding a new board member and that if he gets any resumes, would he send a copy to us for review.

Exec. Secretary's memo "Agency Goals" dated May 18: (tabled)

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary _____